



**LAURELHURST COMMUNITY CENTER  
EXPANSION PROJECT  
PAT Meeting  
Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Laurelhurst Community Center  
4554 NE 41<sup>st</sup> Street**

**NOTES**

Attending: PAT - Christine Barrett, Nate Benjamin, Antojnio Diaz, Al Hovland Staff: Maureen O'Neill, Dan Johnson, David Goldberg, Yolanda Abarea Community: Kristen Luttinen, Gil Edwards, Jeannie Hale, Mary Jo Gasparich, Kate Lloyd, Jenness Stark; Don Torrie

**6:30 ..... Introductions**

**6:40 ..... Workshop Summary**

- Coral DeWilliam, Catherine Hart VIA - Suzuki

**6:50 ..... Draft Survey Responses To Date**

- David Goldberg reviewed initial responses that indicated support for focusing on expanding the existing community center, maintaining the existing gym arrangement with the school. These clear support for multi purpose room and restrooms on the first floor. Parks would continue to solicit surveys through the end of the month to give time for the LCC to send out surveys. Jeannie Hale indicated that the LCC may do an on-line version.

**7:00 ..... Design Direction**

- VIA Suzuki summarized workshop results (see attached)
- The PAT confirmed that they supported addition/renovation the existing community center as the preferred form of development
- The PAT agreement that improvements to the existing gym should be a separate, later undertaking. Parks and the designer should undertake initial look at options/costs for basic improvements. Special attention should be given to options that increase the playability of the court and for exploring creation of a teen room.
- The PAT was comfortable with the priority given to the various program elements chosen by the public workshop teams
- Discussion of sensitivity around particular components of the building/site that are considered "sacred" due to their historical or sentimental value to the community
- The PAT was okay with exploring two basic design directions for schematic design options including:
  - 1) one that leaves the existing building largely intact and creates a connected/related structure with the new functions; and
  - 2) one that integrates itself into the existing building and freely reorganizes internal functions as needed to fulfill the program goals. (The PAT did not consider the existing "great room" to be sacred.)
- The PAT briefly discussed two basic parking concepts; one around the existing drive and one down the hill near the expected addition
- Other PAT comments included:
  - Nate asked how we can encourage more teen content into the expansion project?
  - Maureen commented that the survey did not describe the purpose of the lobby space well, and thought that it was a very valuable social space.
  - Al commented that a new gym wasn't a good option because of the impact5s to the site and community.
  - Nate commented that the basketball program was strong and that the community members would benefit from an upgraded court.
  - Al stated that the CC Advisory Council looked at redoing the locker rooms at the gym.

**7:45 ..... Comments from Non-PAT Members**

Community members gave the following comments during the course of the meeting.

- Gil commented that he didn't see that the PAT represented community members with children in sports. He was concerned about sending kids out of the neighborhood for sport programs.
- Jeannie commented that the preliminary analysis would allow the community to work on developing funding for a better gym in conjunction with the school, and fit with the timing ion the next Parks Levy.
- Kristen stated that she was a mom who drove her kids all over to programs and wants Laurelhurst to have activity spaces and work toward gym upgrade in the future.
- MaryJo stressed that the Laurelhurst Playfield is a special place, and there are many people who want the building upgraded but not expanded. Losing green space would be a tragedy.

## **Next Steps**

- Artist Selection
- Landmarks Nomination
- Public Workshop December 9 from 6:30 – 8:30